

Sustainable Development Select Committee		
Title	Select Committee work programme	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To advise the Committee about the process for agreeing the 2019-20 work programme.

2. Summary

- 2.1 At the beginning of the municipal year each select committee is required to draw up a work programme for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel. The Panel considers the suggested work programmes and coordinates activities between select committees in order to maximise the use of scrutiny resources and avoid duplication.
- 2.2 The meeting on 4 March 2019 is the last scheduled meeting of the Sustainable Development Select Committee in the 2018-19 municipal year. This report provides a summary of the issues considered in 2018-19 (the completed work programme) and asks the Committee to put forward suggestions for the 2019-20 work programme.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Select Committee is asked to:
- consider the Committee's terms of reference **appendix A** alongside the scrutiny work programme prioritisation process when adding items to the programme for 2019/20;
 - note the completed work programme attached at **appendix B**;
 - review the issues covered in 2018-19 municipal year;
 - consider any matters arising that it may wish to suggest for future scrutiny, including topics for in-depth review;
 - take note of the key decision plan attached at **appendix C** and consider which decisions will require further scrutiny.

4. Sustainable Development Select Committee 2018-2019

- 4.1 The Committee had six meetings in the 2018-19 municipal year. The completed work programme is attached at appendix B. Key issues considered were:
- The Catford programme;
 - Development of Lewisham's new Local Plan;
 - Parking and parking policy
 - The new Local Implementation Plan and Transport Strategy

5. Planning for 2019-20

- 5.1 Eight meetings will be scheduled for the 2019-20 municipal year. A work programme report will be put forward at the first meeting of the year for members to review, prioritise, revise and agree. The report will take account of the Committee's previous work and may incorporate:
- issues arising as a result of previous scrutiny
 - issues that the Committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference
 - items requiring follow up from Committee reviews and recommendations
 - issues suggested by members of the public
 - standard reviews of policy implementation or performance, which is based on a regular schedule
 - suggestions from officers
 - decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet

Issues arising from the 2018-19 work programme

- 5.2 The Committee has already indicated that there are matters it feels should be considered for further scrutiny (this includes issues carried over from the 2018-19 work programme) these are:
- Ongoing development and delivery of Council planning policy, including the development of the new Local Plan and its evidence base;
 - Implementation of the air quality management plan;
 - Delivery of the Catford regeneration programme;
 - Economic development and partnerships;
 - Home energy conservation;
 - Flood risk management.

Sustainable Development Select Committee terms of reference

- 5.3 The Committee's terms of reference are included at appendix A. These are formalised in the Council's constitution.
- 5.4 The Committee has the responsibility for scrutinising Lewisham's approach to sustainable development, economic and business development, employment and training, highways, parking, traffic and transport, and urban regeneration. The Committee also considers issues relating to public health and the environment - when it relates to issues such as waste disposal and environmental health. The Committee also has a remit to explore issues relating to street and market trading, as well as public protection, refuse collection and disposal, street cleaning, consumer protection, cemeteries and crematoria and flood risk management.
- 5.5 The Committee scrutinises the formulation of the Council's planning policies- including the preparation of the Council's Local Development Framework and other local plans for the use and development of land.

Items requiring follow up from Committee reviews and recommendations

- 5.6 Over the course of the year, the Committee made recommendations to Mayor and Cabinet on:
- Neighbourhood CIL
 - Parking
 - The development of the Local Plan
 - Air quality
 - The budget cut proposals
- 5.7 Given the significance of these issues, the Committee may decide to consider them again in 2019-20.

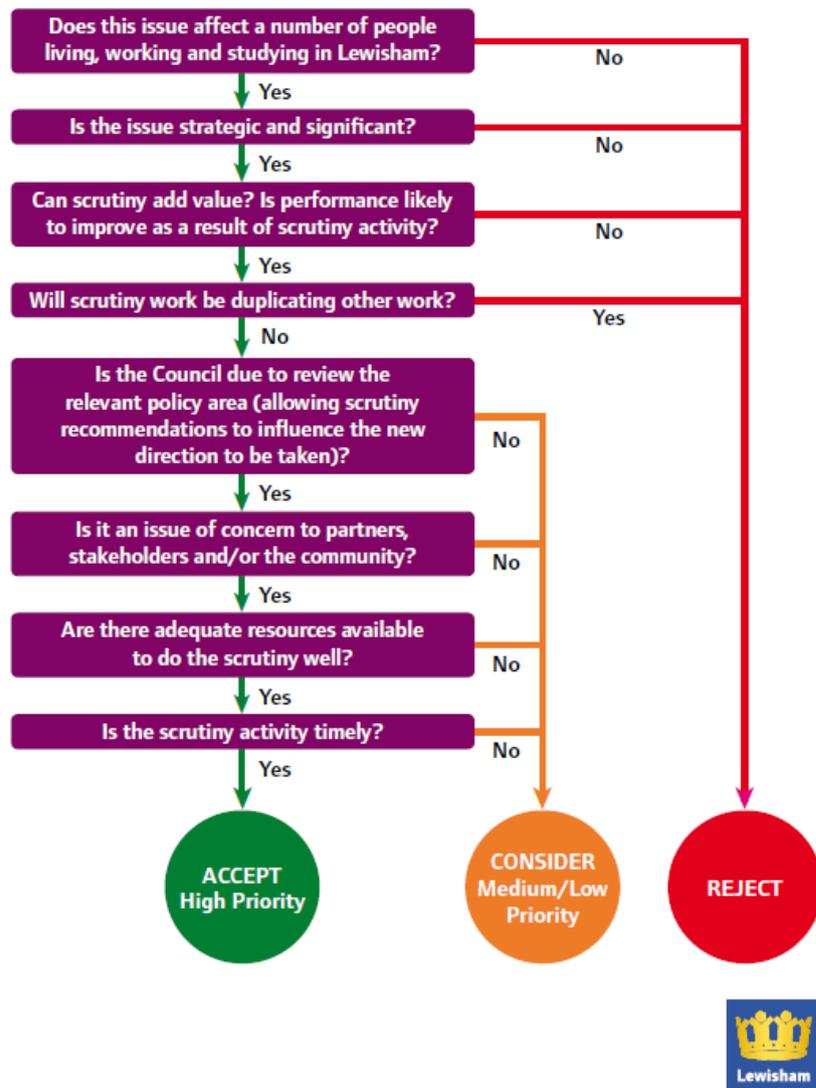
Standard reviews of policy implementation or performance, which are based on a regular schedule

- 5.8 In previous years, the Committee has considered the annual parking report; the planning service annual monitoring report and the implementation of the waste and recycling strategy on a regular basis.

Suggestions from officers

- 5.9 Transport: at its meeting on 30 January 2019 the Committee received an update on the Council's work to support the extension of the Bakerloo line. Feasibility studies and technical work being carried out by Transport for London is being supported by Council officers. There is also a proactive campaign underway to build support for the extension. The Committee might want to review progress during the coming year.
- 5.10 The cuts programme: the Council has already made cuts from its annual revenue budget of £163m since 2010. The Medium Term Financial Strategy was reported to the Public Accounts Select Committee as well as Mayor and Cabinet in July 2018. This set out that an estimated £30m of cuts is required by 2020/21. To date saving proposals for £9.3m have been presented for scrutiny and agreed by Mayor and Cabinet for 2019/20, leaving a budget gap of £7.5m to be funded from reserves.
- 5.11 All scrutiny committees will need to allocate time to the scrutiny of further cuts proposals in the coming year. It should also be noted that a significant proportion of proposals this year related to income generating schemes. This included proposals for events in parks (including Beckenham Place Park). The Committee might decide to review the implementation of these proposals.
- 5.12 In deciding on items to add to the work programme for 2019/20, the Committee should give consideration to the work programme prioritisation process, which is based on best practice:

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



Decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet

5.13 The notice of key decisions is attached at **appendix E**.

6. Financial implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There will be financial implications arising from items on the agenda; these will need to be considered, as necessary.

7. Legal implications

7.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, all scrutiny select committees must devise and submit a work programme to the Business Panel at the start of each municipal year.

8. Equalities implications

- 8.1 The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) introduced a public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty). It covers the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.2 In summary, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 8.3 It is not an absolute requirement to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct, or to promote equality of opportunity or foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. It is a duty to have due regard to the need to achieve the goals listed at 8.2 above.

The Comprehensive Equalities Scheme

- 8.4 The Council's comprehensive equalities scheme (2016-20) reconfirms Lewisham's commitment to five enduring objectives:
- tackling victimisation, discrimination and harassment
 - improving access to services
 - closing the gap in outcomes for all residents
 - increasing mutual understanding and respect within and between communities
 - increasing citizen participation and engagement
- 8.5 There may be equalities implications arising from items on the work programme and all activities undertaken by the Select Committee will need to give due consideration to this. In particular, the Committee should note the Council's planned approach to the delivery of its enduring objectives through the delivery of key strategies and plans.

Background documents

Lewisham Council's Constitution: <https://tinyurl.com/lblconstitution2019>

Appendix A

Sustainable Development Select Committee terms of reference

To exercise all the functions and roles of the overview and scrutiny committee in relation to the following matters:

- to examine issues relating to the protection of the environment including 'green' issues such as the conservation of natural resources, energy efficiency and conservation and/or the reduction of all types of pollution and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet as appropriate;
- to comment and consult on and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to the following:
 - i. sustainable development, economic development, business support, employment and training;
 - ii. the formulation of the Council's planning policies, (including the preparation of the Council's Local Development Framework and other local plans for the use and development of land, but excluding planning control and building control functions);
 - iii. highways, parking, traffic and transport, and urban regeneration;
 - iv. the environment including waste disposal, environmental health, street and market trading (but not the granting of licences and related matters);
 - v. public protection, refuse collection and disposal, street cleaning, consumer protection, cemeteries and crematoria;
 - vi generally to examine the performance of the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to these matters.
- the review and scrutiny of the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management and coastal erosion risk management affecting the area.

Appendix B – the completed 2018/19 work programme

Work Item	Type of item	Priority	Strategic priority	Delivery deadline	19-Jul	12-Sep	29-Oct	12-Dec	30-Jan	04-Mar
Budget cuts	Performance monitoring	High	CP10	Ongoing			Proposals			
Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair	Constitutional requirement	High	CP6	Jul						
Select committee work programme 2018/19	Constitutional requirement	High	CP6	Ongoing						
Catford Town Centre Regeneration	In-depth review	Medium	CP6	Mar		Masterplanners	Masterplanners			
Implementation of the air quality action plan	Performance monitoring	Low	CP6	Jul						
Lewisham Local Plan update	Information item	Medium	CP6	Mar						
Development of the local implementation plan	Standard item	High	CP6	Oct						
Pubs	Single meeting review	High	CP6	Dec						
Planning service annual monitoring report	Information item	Medium	CP6	Dec						
Community Infrastructure Levy neighbourhood CIL strategy	Standard item	High	CP1/CP10	Dec						
Bakerloo line extension update	Information item	Low	CP6	Dec						
Parking policy review	Policy development	High	CP6	Dec						
Annual parking report	Performance monitoring	Low	CP6	Mar						
Beckenham Place Park	Performance monitoring	High	CP6	Jan						
Waste strategy implementation and performance monitoring	Information item	High	CP6	Jan						
Fire safety in tall buildings	Performance monitoring	High	CP6	Jan						
Economy and partnerships	Standard item	Medium	CP6	Mar						
New Cross Area framework	Standard item	Medium	CP6	Mar						
Home energy conservation	Standard item	Low	CP6	Mar						